

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
U.S. Application No. 09/214,865

REMARKS

On May 7, 2003, via a telephone conference with Applicant's representative, the Examiner indicated an Election of Species requirement in the present application. The three species identified by the Examiner were Species 1: claims 1 and 3-15, Species 2: claims 16-20, and Species 3: claims 26-30 and 39-45. Claims 21-25 and 31-38 were indicated as being generic.

In response to the telephone election of species requirement, Applicant herein elects Species 1: Claims 1 and 3-15.

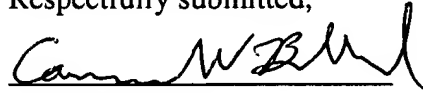
Claims 1-54 are all the claims pending in the application, including new claims 46-54 added by the present Amendment, which are added to more fully define the elected species.

Claims 46-54 are believed to be allowable, at least because of their dependence from claim 1 and the reasons presented in the Amendment filed February 24, 2003.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 46-54 are added as new claims.